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## Weekly Newsletter: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Home-School Agreements

Thank to everyone who has read, signed and returned their home-school agreement so far. At the time of writing, we have received well over half of the agreements back. I would like to get them ALL back by the end of this week if possible – so please get it back to us as soon as you can (more copies are available if you have lost it!). As I wasn't in school on Friday afternoon, we decided to do the prize draw during Monday's assembly instead – meaning you still have a chance to win if you bring it back tomorrow!

Following a couple of enquiries, I wanted to clarify that the children are being asked to sign to say they agree with our *existing* school rules (established a few years ago and clearly displayed in our behaviour policy). They are quite easy to remember:

- Be Kind
- Be Safe
- Be Ready
- Work as a TEAM (Together, Everyone Achieves More)

### New School Website

I appreciate that some people probably use the school website more than others. It can be a useful source of information for parents (and of course prospective parents!). However, I am aware that our website is dated and lacking some of the things you would expect to find there. It is for that reason we have commissioned 'Design for Education' to make us a brand-new one! The address will remain the same ([www.wharnciffeside.org.uk](http://www.wharnciffeside.org.uk)) but the content will be very different. We don't yet have a date when the new website will go live as we are still in the design stage. It is for this reason that I would like to gather your views on this. If you would like to contribute, please do some by clicking [here](#). Thank you!

### FoWSS

Thank you to those of you who attended Friday's AGM organised by our PTA, Friends of Wharnccliffe Side. They are a voluntary organisation who do a lot for the school and we really appreciate their efforts. If you would like to know more, find them on Facebook or email them at [friends@wharnciffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:friends@wharnciffeside.sheffield.sch.uk).

### SWFC events

The SWFC Community Programme will be hosting a Soccer Camp at Jubilee Sports Club during half-term (£50 for the week or £20 per day). Find out more / book here: [www.swfccp/soccercamp](http://www.swfccp/soccercamp). Meanwhile, 'Mini Owls' takes place every Saturday morning (for ages 3-12). This costs just £4 per session and can be booked here: [www.swfccp/mini-owls](http://www.swfccp/mini-owls)

### Food vouchers

Sheffield City Council will again provide Food Supplement Vouchers to all eligible families during the half-term break (£15 per child). They have asked us to inform you that funding for this has not been agreed past March 2024; so this set of vouchers are likely to be the LAST ones. Remember, we still have our 'Bags of Kindness' initiative at school and would be happy to support any family that needs it...

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Ross (Rowan); Ben, Mickey, Will HS (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Thomas P (Ash); Jake, Oliver, Iris (Willow); Millie-Mai (Sycamore); Lukas (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Kaiden, Arnie-Grey, Roscoe (Ash); Billy (Willow); Sienna BR (Rowan); Rory (Sycamore); Caiden (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery** couldn't choose a 'Star of the Week' last week because they were all so brilliant!
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance overall was a disappointing 92.5% last week. The best classes were Ash (KS1) with 90% and Oak (KS2) with 97.8%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** It was an emphatic win for Oceania last week!
- ★ School Council last week chose the winner of Wharncliffe Side's Got Talent and this will be announced in Monday's assembly.
- ★ EYFS had some very important visitors on Friday as part of our 'Commitment 2 Quality' application. All the children were very sensible / well-behaved and our visitors were very impressed.
- ★ Finally, well done to our Y5/6 boys' football team who competed in the EFL Cup qualifying tournament (hosted by SWFC) on Friday. We didn't win this time but we gave an excellent account of ourselves. It is the girls' turn this week!



This week's birthdays:  
Sienna-Mae B (5), Roscoe  
(6), Gretchen (10)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Making a positive contribution

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be starting a new Book of the Week - 'The Enormous Turnip'

Ash will be making their own smoothies this week using recipes they have designed themselves

Willow have started to learn about Florence Nightingale and why she was so significant.

KS2 children in The Learning Zone are writing their reports about dinosaurs.

Rowan have been investigating magnetism in their science lessons.

Sycamore are doing division in Maths.

Oak have been investigating light and shadows in science.

Meanwhile, this week is 'National Storytelling Week' - what is your favourite story?



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